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08/946508	Walker et al.	10/7/97	2761	
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING OFFERS THAT ARE
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The present application is a continuation-in-part application of co-pending Patent
5 Application No. 08/920,116, entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING
SUPPLEMENTARY PRODUCT SALES AT A POINT-OF-SALE TERMINAL, filed on
August 26, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending Patent Application No.
08/822,709, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING LOTTERY TICKET
TRANSACTIONS UTILIZING POINT-OF-SALE TERMINALS, filed on March 21, 1997, each
10 of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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CROSS REFERENCE TO CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

The present invention is related to the following United States Patent Applications filed contemporaneously herewith:

15 U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/205,321, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR FACILITATING THE PLAY OF FRACTIONAL LOTTERY TICKETS UTILIZING
POINT-OF-SALE TERMINALS (Attorney Docket No. WD2-97-558), U.S. Patent Application
Ser. No. 09/205,518, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A
SUPPLEMENTARY PRODUCT AT A POINT-OF-SALE TERMINAL (Attorney Docket No.
20 WD2-97-561), U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/205,321, entitled METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE PERFORMANCE OF A SUPPLEMENTARY
PROCESS AT A POINT-OF-SALE TERMINAL (Attorney Docket No. WD2-97-557), and U.S.
Patent Application Ser. No. 09/205,341, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

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